the rule as "a motion to direct or control the consideration of the subject before the House being made by the Member in charge." defeat the previous question is to give the opposition a chance to decide the subject before the House. Cannon cites the Speaker's ruling of January 13, 1920, to the effect that "the refusal of the House to sustain the demand for the previous question passes the control of the resolution to the opposition" in order to offer an amendment. On March 15, 1909, a member of the majority party offered a rule resolution. The House defeated the previous question and a member of the opposition rose to a parliamentary inquiry, asking who was entitled to recognition. Speaker Joseph G. Cannon (R-Illinois) said: "The previous question having been refused, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Fitzgerald, who had asked the gentleman to vield to him for an amendment, is entitled to the first recognition. "

Because the vote today may look bad for the Democratic majority they will say "the vote on the previous question is simply a vote on whether to proceed to an immediate vote on adopting the resolution . . . [and] has no substantive legislative or policy implications whatsoever." But that is not what they have always said. Listen to the definition of the previous question used in the Floor Procedures Manual published by the Rules Committee in the 109th Congress, (page 56). Here's how the Rules Committee described the rule using information from Congressional Quarterly's "American Congressional Dictionary": "If the previous question is defeated, control of debate shifts to the leading opposition member (usually the minority Floor Manager) who then manages an hour of debate and may offer a germane amendment to the pending business.'

Deschler's Procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives, the subchapter titled "Amending Special Rules" states: "a refusal to order the previous question on such a rule [a special rule reported from the Committee on Rules] opens the resolution to amendment and further debate." (Chapter 21, section 21.2) Section 21.3 continues: Upon rejection of the motion for the previous question on a resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, control shifts to the Member leading the opposition to the previous question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon.'

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Democratic majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 and clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on ordering the previous question will be followed by 5-minute votes on adoption of H. Res. 869, if ordered; ordering the previous question on H. Res. 859; and adoption of H. Res. 859, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 222, nays 184, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 1156]

YEAS-222

Abercrombie Gutierrez Neal (MA) Ackerman Hall (NY) Oberstar Allen Hare Obey Harman Altmire Olver Andrews Hastings (FL) Arcuri Herseth Sandlin Pallone Higgins Baca Pascrell Baird Hill Pastor Hinchey Baldwin Payne Barrow Hirono Perlmutter Bean Hodes Peterson (MN) Becerra Holden Pomeroy Price (NC) Berman Honda Rahall Berry Hover Rangel Bishop (GA) Inslee Reves Bishop (NY) Israel Richardson Blumenauer Jackson (IL) Ross Jackson-Lee Rothman Boswell (TX) Roybal-Allard Boucher Jefferson Ruppersberger Boyd (FL) Johnson (GA) Rush Boyda (KS) Johnson E B Ryan (OH) Brady (PA) Jones (OH) Salazar Braley (IA) Kagen Sánchez, Linda Kaniorski Brown Corrine T. Butterfield Kaptur Sanchez, Loretta Kennedy Capps Sarbanes Capuano Kildee Schakowsky Carnahan Kilpatrick Schiff Kind Carney Schwartz Klein (FL) Castor Scott (GA) Clarke Kucinich Scott (VA) Clay Lampson Serrano Cleaver Langevin Sestak Clyburn Lantos Shea-Porter Larsen (WA) Cohen Sherman Convers Larson (CT) Shuler Cooper Lee Sires Costa Levin Skelton Lewis (GA) Costello Slaughter Courtney Lipinski Smith (WA) Cramer Loebsack Snyder Lofgren, Zoe Crowley Solis Cuellar Lowey Space Cummings Lynch Spratt Davis (AL) Mahoney (FL) Stark Maloney (NY) Davis (CA) Stupak Davis (IL) Markey Sutton Davis, Lincoln Marshall Tanner DeFazio Matheson Tauscher DeGette Matsui Delahunt McCarthy (NY) Taylor Thompson (CA) DeLauro McCollum (MN) Thompson (MS) Dicks McDermott Tierney Dingell McGovern Towns ${\tt McIntyre}$ Doggett Tsongas Donnelly McNerney Udall (CO) Dovle McNulty Udall (NM) Edwards Meek (FL) Van Hollen Ellsworth Meeks (NY) Emanuel Melancon Velázquez Visclosky Eshoo Michaud Etheridge Miller (NC) Walz (MN) Miller, George Watson Fattah Mitchell Watt Waxman Mollohan Filner Frank (MA) Moore (KS) Weiner Welch (VT) Giffords Moore (WI) Gillibrand Moran (VA) Wexler Wilson (OH) Gonzalez Murphy (CT) Gordon Murphy, Patrick Woolsey Green, Al Wu Murtha Green, Gene Nadler Wvnn Grijalya. Napolitano Yarmuth

NAYS—184

Aderholt

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Barrett (SC)

Barton (TX)

Bishop (UT)

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NOT VOTING-25

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 min-

□ 1109

utes remain in this vote.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON
H.R. 2082, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 859, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Ortiz

Pallone

Pascrell

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 226, nays 189, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 1157]

YEAS-226 Grijalya. Abercrombie Neal (MA) Ackerman Gutierrez Oberstar Hall (NY) Allen Obey Altmire Hare Olver Andrews Harman Ortiz Hastings (FL) Arcuri Pallone Baca. Herseth Sandlin Pascrell Baird Higgins Pastor Baldwin Hill Pavne Hinchev Perlmutter Barrow Peterson (MN) Bean Hirono Pomeroy Price (NC) Becerra Hodes Berkley Holden Rahall Berman Holt Honda Berry Rangel Bishop (GA) Hover Reves Bishop (NY) Inslee Richardson Blumenauer Israel Rodriguez Jackson (IL) Boren Ross Boswell Jackson-Lee Rothman Boucher (TX) Roybal-Allard Boyd (FL) Jefferson Ruppersberger Johnson (GA) Boyda (KS) Rush Rvan (OH) Brady (PA) Johnson E B Jones (OH) Bralev (IA) Salazar Sánchez, Linda Brown, Corrine Kagen Butterfield Kanjorski т Kaptur Sanchez, Loretta Capps Capuano Kennedy Sarbanes Carnahan Kildee Schakowsky Kilpatrick Carney Schiff Schwartz Castor Kind Klein (FL) Chandler Scott (GA) Scott (VA) Clarke Kucinich Clay Lampson Serrano Cleaver Langevin Sestak Clyburn Shea-Porter Lantos Larsen (WA) Cohen Sherman Convers Larson (CT) Shuler Lee Cooper Sires Costa Levin Skelton Lewis (GA) Costello Slaughter Smith (WA) Courtney Lipinski Cramer Loebsack Snyder Crowley Lofgren, Zoe Solis Cuellar Lowey Space Cummings Lynch Spratt Mahoney (FL) Davis (AL) Stark Davis (CA) Maloney (NY) Stupak Davis (IL) Markey Sutton Marshall Davis, Lincoln Tanner Matheson Tauscher DeFazio DeGette Matsui Taylor McCarthy (NY) Thompson (CA) Delahunt McCollum (MN) Thompson (MS) DeLauro Dicks McDermott Tierney Dingell McGovern Towns Doggett McIntyre Tsongas Udall (CO) Donnelly McNerney Doyle McNulty Udall (NM) Edwards Meek (FL) Van Hollen Meeks (NY) Ellison Velázquez Ellsworth Melancon Visclosky Emanuel Michaud Walz (MN) Miller (NC) Eshoo Waters Etheridge Miller, George Watson Farr Mitchell Watt Fattah Mollohan Waxman Filner Weiner Welch (VT) Moore (KS) Frank (MA) Moore (WI) Moran (VA) Giffords Wexler Wilson (OH) Gillibrand Murphy (CT) Gonzalez Murphy, Patrick Woolsev Gordon Murtha Wu Green, Al Nadler Wvnn Green Gene Napolitano Yarmuth

NAYS—189

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NOT VOTING-16

Hinojosa Cardoza Renzi Carson Hooley Reynolds Cubin Jindal Rogers (KY) Culberson Jones (NC) Wasserman Engel Miller, Garv Schultz Heller Paul

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that

the ayes appeared to have it.
Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
Madam Speaker, on that I demand the
yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 227, nays 191, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 1158]

YEAS-227

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Brady (TX)

Broun (GA)

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NAYS—191

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NOT VOTING-13

 Cardoza
 Hinojosa
 Paul

 Carson
 Hooley
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 Cubin
 Jindal
 Wasserman

 Culberson
 Jones (NC)
 Schultz

 Heller
 Miller, Gary

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain on this vote.

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, due to a pre-existing commitment to visit wounded heroes at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, I missed three rollcall votes this morning. I ask that the RECORD show that had I been present: For rollcall No. 1156—Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 869—I would have voted "nay"; for rollcall No. 1157—Ordering the Previous Question H. Res. 859—I would have voted "nay"; for rollcall No. 1158—Adoption of the Rule of consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2082—I would have voted "nay."

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2082, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 859, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2082) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Com-

munity Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to rule XXII, the conference report

is considered read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of December 6, 2007, at page H14462.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on this conference report.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Last week was a remarkable week in the intelligence community. It was the best of times and the worst of times.

First, the good news. The week began with a release of a new National Intelligence Estimate on Iran. That estimate was a careful, meaningful review of the intelligence on Iran, which many of us hope will bring about a significant change in our approach to Iran, which is still a significant concern to all of us.

Then came the bad news. We ended the week with the revelation that the Central Intelligence Agency destroyed videotapes of interrogations. This is also a subject of great concern to all of us in this House. The committee had a briefing on it just yesterday, and we will continue to investigate the issue thoroughly.

Both the good news and the bad news have one thing in common. They show that careful oversight of the Intelligence Community is absolutely essential and absolutely critical. The authorization process is where we do much of our oversight and it's where we can address problem areas.

Madam Speaker, today, for the first time in 3 years, the House will vote on a conference report on an intelligence authorization bill. I am proud of it, and I hope my colleagues are too. This is the largest intelligence authorization in the history of our country. It is the result of 11 months of work done by our committee.

The conference process was a challenge. The Senate bill and the House bill were substantially different, but we worked hard to arrive at a middle ground. In conference, we further improved the bill. The conference adopted amendments offered by Members from both Chambers and both parties. This includes an amendment by the distinguished ranking member of the intelligence committee.

Madam Speaker, this is a good bill that will strengthen our intelligence community and our Nation's security. It adds significant funds to most of the Nation's satellite architecture. It reduces funding for nonperforming intelligence activities in Iraq, while robustly funding activities against al Qaeda and terrorism in Afghanistan and around the globe.

I am particularly proud of the fact that it also includes funding for counterterrorism, human intelligence collection, analysis, training and languages. We have carefully tailored provisions to enhance the diversity of the intelligence community, which is a critical investment for the future of

the intelligence community.

In another investment for the future, we've added significant funding for advanced research and development. This will also maintain our technical edge over our adversaries. We have also provided money to repair and replace aging infrastructure and to train and equip linguists and intelligence collectors, so vital and important in the global war on terrorism.

This bill promotes accountability within the intelligence community. and it puts the intelligence committee back in the business of oversight. It requires reporting to Congress on several issues of major concern to all of us, including a report on compliance with the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 and related provisions of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 regarding detentions and interrogations, as well as Justice Department legal opinions related to all of these activities. It includes provisions to strengthen oversight by the Inspector General in the intelligence community, including a provision establishing a confirmed communitywide Inspector General armed with essential authorities.

The conference report also provides for Senate confirmation of the Directors of the National Security Agency and the National Reconnaissance Office. For agencies with such significant budgets and acquisition authority and the potential to impact American privacy rights, we think the Congress ought to have a say in their Directors through Senate confirmation.

In short, Madam Speaker, the conference report is a result of a bipartisan, bicameral effort to strengthen both the intelligence community and congressional oversight. I will be proud to vote for it, and I urge all my colleagues to do the same.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, I would like to yield $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes to my colleague from Alabama (Mr. EVER-ETT).

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the conference report to the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008. The process and the substance of the bill fall sadly short. As one of the crossover Members who serves on both the Select Intelligence and the House Armed Services